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ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Arizona principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is down 9 percent from 2015 to 650,000 acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Arizona **corn** producers planted 80,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 35,000 acres for grain, up from 34,000 acres harvested in 2015. This is an increase of 3 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and a 14 percent increase in planted acreage for all purposes.

Barley planted area, at 17,000 acres, is unchanged from last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 15,000 acres are 6 percent below 2015. **Winter wheat** producers planted 8,000 acres for harvest in 2016, up from 5,000 acres planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain at 4,000 acres is up 2,000 acres from 2015. **Durum wheat** planted, at 100,000 acres, is down 45,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 97,000 acres, down from 140,000 acres harvested last year.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to decrease 20,000 acres from a year ago to 315,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to decrease 20,000 acres to 280,000 acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to be unchanged at 35,000 acres.

Acreage planted to **upland cotton** is estimated at 115,000 acres, up 26,000 acres from last year. **American-Pima cotton** planted area, at 15,000 acres, is down 2,500 acres from 2015.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn: The 2016 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 94.1 million acres, up 7 percent from last year and the third highest planted acreage since 1944. Growers expect to harvest 86.6 million acres for grain, up 7 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third highest acres harvested for grain since 1933.

Barley: Producers seeded 2.97 million acres of barley for the 2016 crop year, down 17 percent from the previous year. This represents the third-lowest seeded area on record. Harvested area, forecast at 2.58 million acres, is down 17 percent from 2015. Record low planted acreage is estimated in California.

Winter wheat: The 2016 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 36.5 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the previous estimate but down 7 percent from last year. Of the total acreage, about 26.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.58 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million are White Winter. Record low planted acreages are expected in Nebraska and Utah.

Durum wheat: Area seeded to Durum wheat is estimated at 2.15 million acres, up 11 percent from 2015. Planted area in North Dakota, the largest producing Durum wheat State, is estimated at 1.30 million acres, an increase of 19 percent from last year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 2.08 million acres, 10 percent above 2015. As of June 26, the crop was 47 percent headed in North Dakota, 28 percentage points ahead of last year. Record low planted and harvested acreage is expected in South Dakota.

Hay: Producers intend to harvest 56.1 million acres of all hay in 2016, up 3 percent from 2015. The expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 18.1 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2015. All other types of hay harvested are expected to total 38.1 million acres, up 4 percent from 2015. Harvested area of all hay is expected to increase or hold steady in most southern and western States. Meanwhile, the most significant declines are expected in the Northern Plains States.

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Cotton: Area planted to cotton in 2016 is estimated at 10.0 million acres, up 17 percent from last year. Upland area is estimated at 9.82 million acres, up 17 percent from 2015. American Pima is estimated at 199,000 acres, up 26 percent from 2015.

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